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This weekend will be one of the most significant in recent Philly sports history (Eagles Super Bowl run aside) as four teams will play extremely meaningful games as we sit down for Passover or Easter meals. The Sixers are jockeying for home court advantage in the playoffs (in Atlanta and Charlotte), the Flyers look to secure a playoff berth (at home vs. Boston), the Phillies start their much-anticipated 2018 season, and — most importantly — Villanova faces a Kansas in the Final Four. Happy holidays, Philly sports fans!

TRUMP FIRES VA BOSS, NOMINATES OWN DOCTOR

1 President Donald Trump ousted Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin on Wednesday in response to heavy criticism and nominated his personal physician, Rear Admiral Ronny Jackson, to replace him in the latest turnover among Trump's team. White House officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Shulkin had become a distraction due to a constant speculation about his future. Shulkin had drawn fire for a damning report from the inspector general of the Department of Veterans Affairs. It found that during a trip to London, he improperly accepted tickets to the Wimbledon tennis tournament and his chief of staff made false statements so Shulkin's wife could travel at government expense. Jackson, a rear admiral of the U.S. Navy, has been the lead doctor monitoring Trump's health since Trump became president.

PARDONS DISCUSSED FOR MANAFORT AND FLYNN

2 An attorney for President Donald Trump raised the idea of Trump pardoning two of his former top advisers last year as Special Counsel Robert Mueller was building a case against them in his probe into possible Russian interference in the U.S. presidential election, The New York Times reported on Wednesday. John Dowd, who was Trump's lead lawyer in the special counsel investigation until he resigned last week, broached the issue in discussions with attorneys for former national security adviser Michael Flynn and former campaign manager Paul Manafort, the Times reported, citing three people with knowledge of the talks. The discussions between Dowd and lawyers for Manafort and Flynn indicated Trump's legal team was concerned about what the two former aides would reveal if they cut a deal with Mueller.

HUNDREDS ATTEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON DEATH OF STEPHON CLARK

3 Stevante Clark, brother of Stephon Clark, disrupts a special city council meeting meeting at Sacramento City Hall on March 27, 2018, in Sacramento, California. Hundreds packed a special city council meeting at Sacramento City Hall to address concerns over the shooting death of Stephon Clark by Sacramento police.

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REPORT: TRUMP AIMS TO REIN IN AMAZON'S POWER

4 Amazon.com shares fell almost 5 percent on Wednesday, wiping more than $30 billion off its market value, after news website Axios reported that President Donald Trump is obsessed with the world's largest online retailer and wants to rein in its growing power. Trump has talked about using antitrust law to "go after" the company because he is worried about mom-and-pop retailers being put out of business by Amazon, Axios reported, citing five sources it said had discussed the issue with him. Trump also wants to change Amazon's tax treatment, the Axios report said, an issue the president raised publicly last year when he called for an internet tax for online retailers, though Amazon already collects sales tax on items it sells to customers. Amazon did not reply to a request for comment.

SAUDI ARABIA TO FACE LAWSUITS OVER 9/11

5 A judge on Wednesday rejected Saudi Arabia's bid to dismiss lawsuits claiming that it helped plan the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and should pay billions of dollars in damages to victims. District Judge George Daniels in Manhattan said the plaintiffs' allegations "narrowly articulate a reasonable basis" for him to assert jurisdiction over Saudi Arabia under the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act (JASTA), a 2016 federal law. The Saudi government has long denied involvement in the Sept. 11 attacks. Daniels' decision covers claims by the families of those killed, roughly 25,000 people who suffered injuries and many businesses and insurers. Saudi Arabia had long had broad immunity from Sept. 11 lawsuits. That changed in September 2016, when the Congress overrode President Barack Obama's veto of JASTA, allowing cases to proceed.

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Philly's resilience under microscope at coming forum

Forum tackles resilience framework to address issues from climate-change vulnerabilities to social inequalities.

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Philly Nexus recently kicked off its series of Urban Regeneration Forums, exploring how a regeneration-based approach can untangle some of the Earth's thorniest problems. In April, it will be partnering with Temple University to return for the second forum, focusing on the theme of resilience.

Resilience as a concept involves examining the safety and stability of almost any human community over time. It's often used in reference to a community's preparedness for rising ocean levels or other natural disasters. But organizers with Philly Nexus see resilience as intertwined with the social fabric as well: With issues like multigenerational poverty, racism and sexism posing as much of a risk as architectural design or urban planning.

"Climate change is the impetus for most of the conversation out there," said Max Zahniser, founder of Philly Nexus. "The reality is we have neighborhoods that have had centuries of resilience problems because of Jim Crow and red-lining. We've got plenty of slow disasters happening for a long time; climate change is just the big one that has a sense of urgency to it."

"Climate change is the impetus for most of the conversation out there."

Max Zahniser, founder of Philly Nexus

Many U.S. cities including Philly have conducted basic vulnerability planning in the region, but Zahniser said the conversation needs to be steered away from "business-as-usual" solutions with a disaster-response mind-set.

"When you look at New Orleans and what happened with Katrina, actually our decades of business-as-usual thinking and engineering led to all these sea walls, culverts, and levees, essentially bypassing the marshlands and thereby killing them," he said.

Taking a regenerative approach to resilience can mean taking a holistic look at the ecosystem and determining how to support natural processes, Zahniser said.

"What if ecologists had equal authority to engineers, designing levees six, seven decades ago?" he asked. "Then what we might have been doing was working really hard to restore and regrow living ecosystems that are really good at absorbing storm surges. … If all you're planning for is to react to collapse, you're ensuring collapse."

Clockwise from top left, the Schuylkill River in 2016; during Hurricane Irene; with 4 feet of sea-level rise; with sea-level rise plus a Category One storm. COURTESY OF GREENWORKS PHILADELPHIA / EARTHADELPHIA LOGO VIA METRO FILE

Cities' strategies, like Boston's, for expected rising sea levels split between the "gray," engineered solutions like dams and concrete walls, and the "green," meaning more natural solutions, like rehabilitating coastline green spaces to adapt to higher ocean levels. While Philly may not be there yet, Zahniser believes the public, educators and policymakers in Philly should be open to the regenerative approach to resilience, toward whatever threats are most serious at in the present.

"In Philly, there are already examples of some of the underserved neighborhoods where crisis feels pretty regular," Zahniser said. "We hope we're setting up the conversation around not only what can you do in your day-to-day life, but what role, on a larger scale, can we play in our city's resilience."

The second Urban Generation Forum, presented by Philly Nexus and Temple University, will take place at Temple's Ritter Hall on April 11, 2018 from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. To learn more, visit citycoho.com.

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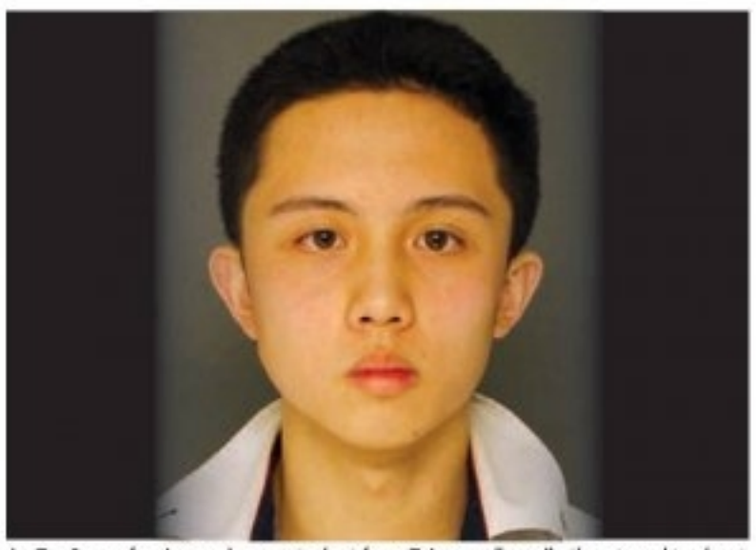

An Tso Sun, a foreign exchange student from Taiwan, allegedly threatened to shoot up Bonner and Prendergast Catholic High in Drexel Hill. UPPER DARBY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police: Foreign exchange student threatened to shoot up Drexel Hill school

Police allegedly found weapons and paraphernalia in the 18-year-old's bedroom.

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A foreign exchange student from Taiwan was arrested Tuesday evening after allegedly threatening to carry out a mass shooting at a Drexel Hill high school, police said.

An Tso Sun, 18, was arrested after police got word that he allegedly said he was going to go on a May 1 shooting spree at Bonner and Prendergast Catholic High, where he is a student. Sun now faces charges of making terroristic threats.

Police Superintendent Michael Chitwood said Upper Darby investigators were tipped off by another student who said Sun warned him not to come to school on May 1 and asked him how to purchase a gun.

"He was planning something terrible," Chitwood said at a news conference on Wednesday. "We have zero tolerance for any threats at any of the schools. Anybody that makes any threats to shoot, bomb or hurt anybody in the schools is going to get locked up. Period."

Though Sun told the tipster he was "kidding" about the threat, police said they found an iPad allegedly used by Sun to research firearms like AK-47s and AR-15s, and he allegedly showed the tipster a video of a flamethrower and a mask. Back in February, Chitwood said, Sun showed off a high-caliber bullet while at school.

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Upper Darby detectives with a search warrant searched Sun's host family's home on Le Carra Drive in Landsdowne on Tuesday and allegedly found a high-powered crossbow with scope and light, seven arrows, a loading dock for AR-15s and AK47s, a military-style ballistic vest, a military-style backpack for holding clips and a strangulation device called a garrote. Police said they also found a ski mask and ear protectors. Chitwood unveiled the seized items at Wednesday's news conference.

Sun is being held on $100,000 bail, and federal authorities have been made aware of the investigation. Chitwood said Sun was undergoing a psychological evaluation at a Delaware County prison. Sun is in the United States on a student visa that was issued in July 2017.

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With spring right around the corner, Metro caught up with Kenneth Kearns, MD, a shoulder and elbow orthopedic surgeon at Philadelphia Hand to Shoulder Center at Jefferson. The topic? How to protect yourself from sports-related arm injuries this spring.

What are some common upper extremity sports-related injuries during the spring?

We see a lot of tendinitis and inflammation of the tendons, like golfer's and tennis elbow. The first is characterized by pain on the outside of the elbow; the latter causes pain on the inside of the elbow. The good news is that the vast majority of patients can be treated non-operatively with physical therapy or the occasional cortisone injection. Over 90 percent of the time, surgery is thankfully the last resort.

How can they be prevented?

It can be as simple as just warming up and stretching. No matter what the activity is, it can go a really long way in preventing injury, but a lot of people forget to do it. Warming up is especially important if you're trying a new sport for the first time. Even if you're a seasoned player, it isn't wise to just show up and start. Instead, get the blood flowing a bit and refresh that muscle memory with some simple stretches.

I'd also suggest investing in the right supplies. If you're picking up tennis this spring, get yourself a good tennis racquet. The same can be said for all equipment – golf clubs, softball mitts, you name it – appropriate sports accessories are key.

When should you see a doctor?

If you're experiencing mild soreness or discomfort, the general rule of thumb is to rest, apply ice, and take some anti-inflammatory medications for a few days. But if you have pain that's still lingering a week or so later, and it's inhibiting your everyday life, it's worth getting examined by a professional to see what's going on.

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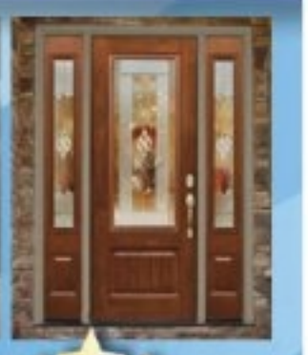

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Facebook is updating its privacy settings after recent scandal

The company says it wants to make its privacy settings easier to find.

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Facebook will have a new Privacy Shortcuts menu available soon. GETTY IMAGES

Facebook announced Wednesday it will update its privacy settings to make it easier for users to control what kind of personal information is shared on the social network and its related apps.

The social media giant said it heard "loud and clear" that Facebook privacy tools and other settings related to user data have been hard to find for many users. The company wants to change that.

Facebook said it will give users more control over their privacy and will roll-out these changes in the next few weeks.

A lot of the Facebook privacy changes have been in the works for some time, according to the social network, but the recent privacy scandal has forced the company to push these updates to the top of their lists.

Facebook privacy settings update: What to expect?

To make Facebook privacy settings more accessible to users, Facebook has redesigned their Settings menu on mobile devices. In the previous version, settings were spread across almost 20 different screens, making it nearly impossible to get to your personal data settings to make necessary changes.

There is a new Privacy Shortcuts menu that will become available which will allow users to control their data with just a few taps when using a mobile device. The new Facebook privacy shortcuts will make it easier to revoke access to those third-party apps and add-ons that could be using your data.

In addition to making settings easier to find, Facebook says it will allow users more control over what is shared on the platform. Facebook claims it will be easier to see all the posts you've shared or reacted to and easier to delete if you want. Facebook claims it will also let you have more control over what ads you see and let you manage the information they use to determine what ads Facebook shows you.

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All the places John Bolton wants to bomb

President Donald Trump's appointment of John Bolton as national security adviser has been met with alarm.

The reason for the increase in the nation's Xanax stockpile: Bolton has expressed radically hawkish views, at times advocating for military action as an initial response to conflict — before and instead of diplomacy.

Here is a rundown of places where Bolton has, at various times, advocated bombing first and asking questions later.

North Korea

"The threat is imminent, and the case against pre-emption rests on the misinterpretation of a standard that derives from prenuclear, pre-ballistic-missile times," he wrote in The Wall Street Journal. "It is perfectly legitimate for the United States to respond to the current 'necessity' posed by North Korea's nuclear weapons by striking first."

Iran

In 2015, Bolton wrote a piece for The New York Times titled, "To Stop Iran's Bomb, Bomb Iran."

"An attack need not destroy all of Iran's nuclear infrastructure, but by breaking key links in the nuclear-fuel cycle, it could set back its program by three to five years. The United States could do a thorough job of destruction. …Time is terribly short, but a strike can still succeed."

Syria

In a March 7 Fox News interview, when Bolton was asked whether the U.S. is moving "toward a conflict with Iran and Russia in Syria," he said, "I think that's one possibility." Five days later, he reappeared on the network and said the U.S. and France might be readying more airstrikes in the region.

"It may come to that," said Bolton, "and it would be justified, in my view, as the president's first airstrike was."

John Bolton has held hawkish views.
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Russia, possibly

In a March 1 interview on Fox News, Bolton responded to the report that Russia is developing nuclear weapons that could overcome the U.S. missile defense system.

"I think this is a further effort to see whether the Trump administration will push back. And I think it needs to," he said. "I think there needs to be a strategic response to this, to help give confidence to our friends in Europe and around the world, that we're not going to put up with this kind of Russian effort."

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Timothy Piazza's Feb. 4, 2017, death followed a night of heavy drinking. TIMOTHY PIAZZA/FACEBOOK

Judge rejects new charges in Penn State frat death

The ruling followed four days of hearings in the Centre County Courthouse.

A magistrate Wednesday threw out manslaughter charges filed against five members of a Pennsylvania State University fraternity for their roles in the alcohol-fueled hazing death of sophomore Timothy Piazza last year.

The Feb. 4, 2017, death followed a night of heavy drinking that prosecutors claim was forced upon Piazza but defense lawyers contend was voluntary. It was the latest in a series of pledge deaths that have cast a harsh light on U.S. college fraternity culture and prompted some schools to ban fraternities.

Wednesday's ruling marked the second time Magisterial District Judge Allen Sinclair rejected the most serious charges brought by state prosecutors against members of Penn State's Beta Theta Pi fraternity, after he rejected similar charges last summer.

Prosecutors had brought a range of lesser charges against a total of 11 fraternity members, and Sinclair ruled that four of them should stand trial on charges of conspiracy to commit hazing or furnishing to minors.

He did not give a reason for his ruling, which followed four days of hearings in the Centre County Courthouse in Bellefonte. He released his ruling by e-mail Wednesday morning.

Piazza, 19, twice fell down flights of stairs, which caused the injuries that killed him, prosecutors said, charging that fraternity members ignored the incidents. Some of Piazza's agonies were captured on a graphic video played in court.

"I am disappointed by the decision. ... We are assessing our legal options," state Attorney General Josh Shapiro said. "My office is committed to seeking justice for Timothy Piazza and his family."

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Tom Kline, lawyer for the Piazza family, could not immediately be reached for comment.

After Sinclair dismissed the charges last summer, then-District Attorney Stacy Parks Miller vowed to retry the manslaughter charges before a different magistrate, arguing that Sinclair had committed errors of law.

But Centre County President Judge Pamela Ruest ruled that Sinclair would hear the charges again. Shapiro did not appeal that ruling.

"It's silly to ask the same judge for a different outcome," Parks Miller, who was voted out of office last year, said in a phone interview. "Everyone knew he's not going to give one." REUTERS

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China says North Korea's Kim pledged commitment to denuclearization

North Korea's official media has made no mention of Kim Jong Un's pledge to denuclearize or the anticipated meeting with Trump, which is planned for some time in May. GETTY IMAGES

North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un pledged his commitment to denuclearization and to meet U.S. officials, China said on Wednesday after his meeting with President Xi Jinping, who promised China would uphold friendship with its isolated neighbor.

After two days of speculation, China and North Korea both confirmed that Kim had travelled to Beijing and met Xi during what China called an unofficial visit from Sunday to Wednesday.

The visit was Kim's first known trip outside North Korea since he assumed power in 2011 and is believed by analysts to serve as preparation for upcoming summits with South Korea and the U.S.

"In the meantime ... maximum sanctions and pressure must be maintained at all costs."

President Donald Trump

President Donald Trump wrote on Twitter he had received a message from Xi on Tuesday night that his meeting with Kim "went very well" and that Kim looked forward to meeting the U.S. president.

"Look forward to our meeting!" Trump wrote, while adding: "In the meantime, and unfortunately, maximum sanctions and pressure must be maintained at all cost!"

White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders said the China-North Korea talks and Kim's decision to travel outside his country were a "positive sign" the U.S.-led pressure campaign to force North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons has been working. "We're going to be cautiously optimistic," she told reporters.

"For years and through many administrations, everyone said that peace and the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula was not even a small possibility," Trump tweeted on Wednesday. "Now there is a good chance that Kim Jong Un will do what is right for his people and for humanity."

Earlier this month, Trump, who has exchanged bellicose threats with Kim in the past year, surprised the world by agreeing to meet the North Korean leader to discuss the crisis over Pyongyang's development of nuclear weapons.

China has been secretive North Korea's closest ally but ties have been frayed by Kim's nuclear weapons program and Beijing's backing of tough U.N. sanctions.

China's Foreign Ministry cited Kim in a statement as telling Xi the situation on the Korean peninsula was improving because North Korea had taken the initiative to ease tensions and put forward proposals for talks.

"It is our consistent stand to be committed to denuclearization on the peninsula, in accordance with the will of late President Kim Il Sung and late General Secretary Kim Jong Il," Kim Jong Un said, according to the ministry.

North Korea was willing to talk with the United States and hold a summit between the countries, it quoted him as saying.

"The issue of denuclearization of the Korean peninsula can be resolved, if South Korea and the United States respond to our efforts with goodwill, create an atmosphere of peace and stability while taking progressive and synchronous measures for the realization of peace," Kim said.

North Korea has said in previous, failed talks aimed at dismantling its nuclear program it could consider giving up its arsenal if the U.S. removed its troops from South Korea and withdrew its so-called nuclear umbrella of deterrence from South Korea and Japan. REUTERS

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A last remaining nude statue of President Trump is going up for auction in May. GETTY IMAGES

There is one naked Donald Trump statue remaining and it will be available to the highest bidder.

Julien's Auctions has announced it is selling the naked Trump statue May 2. According to the auction house, it is the last one in existence and is estimated to sell anywhere between $20,000 to $30,000. That's right, one lucky person could take home a naked Trump statue to decorate their living room.

The Trump nude statue, titled "The Emperor Has No Balls," was created by anarchist art collective Indecline and began popping up in cities before the 2016 election. Only five were created and they were placed in public locations in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Cleveland, Seattle and New York City.

As people caught wind of the guerrilla art pieces, they quickly went viral on social media.

Julien's Auctions said the naked Trump statue is part of a first-ever street art auction that will be held at Mana Contemporary in Jersey City. The Trump statue will sit alongside works by Banksy, Andy Warhol, Jean Michel Basquiat and Keith Haring.

How to bid on a naked Trump statue

If you're interested in getting the last naked Donald Trump sculpture, you need to sign up for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

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Two experts explain once and for all why doing a juice cleanse is stupid

Every era has a question for the ages. Such as, where does lightning come from? What is relativity? And today: Do juice cleanses work?

The number of trendy juice joints and salad chains like Sweetgreen just seems to keep rising. So does the prevalence of bottled drinks, beverage mixes and regimens-by-mail that promise a juice cleanse, a detox, or a "reset," the chance to polish your whiskey-battered liver to a like-new sheen or reboot your sluggish kidneys. As omnipresent as the juice cleanse is, it's closer to an urban legend than actual science, two experts say.

Are they dangerous? "Generally not, depending on your health at the start, but neither are they useful," says Mark Bittman and David L. Katz in New York magazine. Do juice cleanses even work? "The general claim is that they actually do 'cleanse' you — but of what? The

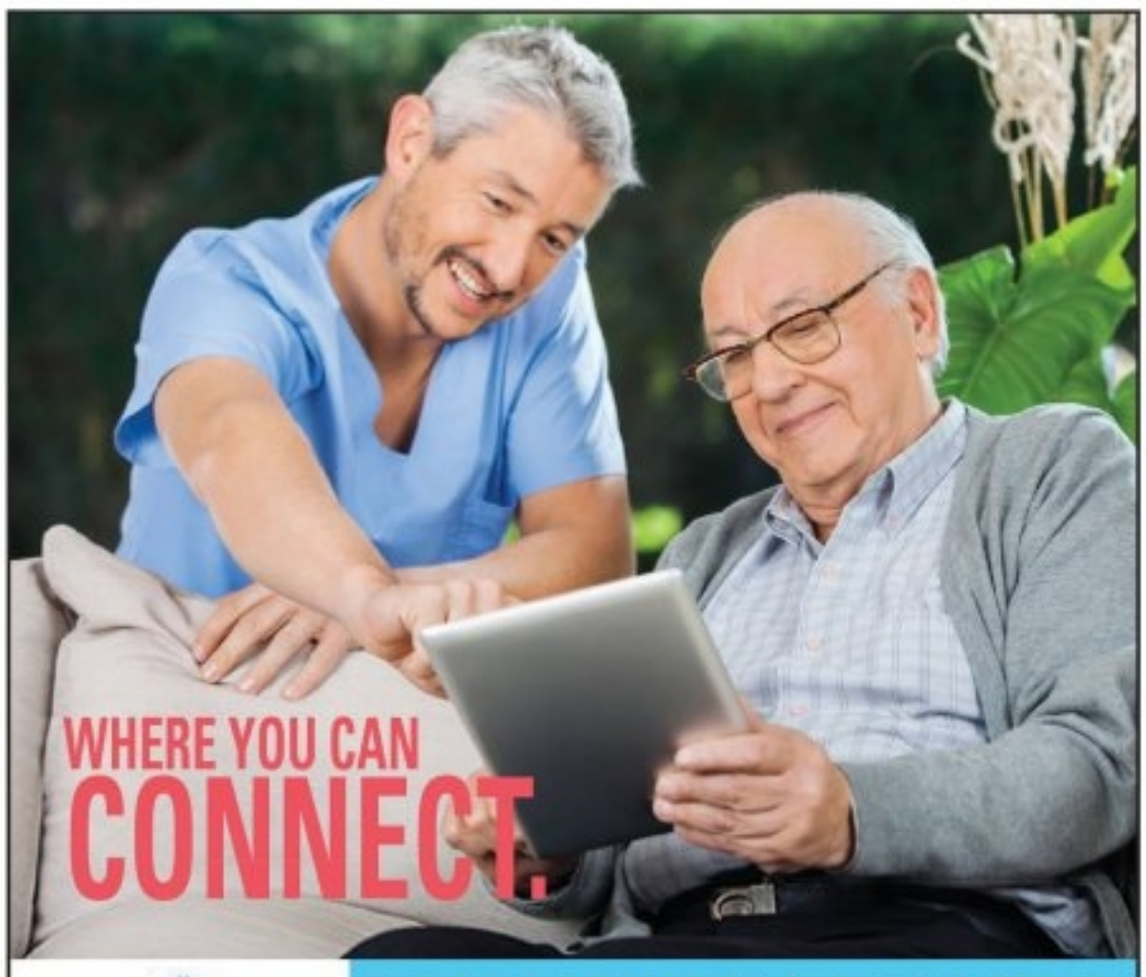
A new analysis finds that juice cleanses may not be useful. ISTOCK

body detoxifies itself daily; that's a primary job of the liver and the kidneys, and they are really good at it. (The intestines, spleen, and immune system are in on it, too.)"

So, do juice cleanses work? Is there anything that works better?

You're better off following the boring old recommendations for good overall health. "You want to take good care of your liver and kidneys, gut, and immune system. That's a far better 'cleanse' than any juice," told the Bittman and Katz magazine. "How do you take good care of all your detoxifying organ systems? By taking good care of yourself, of course. That means eating well, not smoking, exercising, sleeping enough, managing your stress and so on."

If you're looking to revamp your diet in anticipation of swimsuit season, then, too, should you look to time-tested wisdom. "The definition of a healthy diet has been clear for some time," the experts say. "In fact, the basic theme of optimal eating — a diet made up mostly of whole, wholesome plant foods — has been clear to nutrition experts for generations. What does change all the time is the fads, fashions, marketing gimmicks, and hucksterism. How do you avoid the pitfalls of all that? Focus on foods, not nutrients." MICHAEL MARTIN



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Exactly how much water should you drink a day?

You probably need to drink less water than you think.

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Water is the driving force in everything we do — and it makes up 60 percent of our bodies. It lubricates joints, helps flush waste out of our organs and keeps our body temperature regulated.

And, contrary to what your friend who "never drinks water" says, you have to have it or you'll die within a few days.

"You can go 100 hours without drinking at an average temperature outdoors," Claude Piantadosi of Duke University told Fox. "If it's cooler, you can go a little longer. If you are exposed to direct sunlight, it's less."

But one glass a day isn't enough to keep our bodies quenched.

How much water should you drink?

The answer: It depends on a number of factors, including how much you sweat and the temperature outdoors.

"Under extreme conditions an adult can lose 1 to 1.5 liters of sweat per hour," Randall K. Packer, a professor of biology at George Washington University, wrote in an article for Scientific American.

So does that mean we should be drinking an equal amount every hour? Not necessarily.

You've probably heard that you should be drinking 64 ounces of water a day (8 ounces of water, eight times a day). However, science shows that might actually be more than you need. So, how much water should you drink a day? The National Academies of Sciences suggest that women get a total of about 92 ounces of water a day, while men need about 128 ounces.

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The kidneys cannot process more than about 27 to 33 ounces of water per hour.

Wait, aren't 92 and 128 more than 64? Yes, but that number takes into account water you get from foods (like produce and soups), along with the water in other beverages like coffee, soda and even beer. According to the National Academies of Sciences, we get about 20 percent of our daily water needs through our diets — and it counts.

Can you drink too much water?

Too much of a good thing ends up being a bad thing, and water is no exception.

Drinking more water in a short period of time can overload your kidneys and cause your body to dilute the electrolytes in your blood — especially sodium. When sodium drops below 135 mmol/L, your body experiences hyponatremia, or water intoxication.

The kidneys can eliminate anywhere from 5.3 to 7.4 gallons of water a day, but can't process more than about 27 to 33 ounces per hour. Symptoms of hyponatremia (like headaches, nausea, vomiting, muscle weakness and confusion) can occur from drinking anywhere from 3 or 4 liters of water in a short period of time, like an hour.

According to the National Academies of Sciences, we get about 20 percent of our daily water needs through our diets — and it counts. ISTOCK

In 2007, a California woman died of hyponatremia after participating in a "Hold Your Wee for a Wii" contest. For the competition, contestants drank as much water as possible without going to the bathroom, and the person who held it the longest won the Nintendo game system. One of the contestants, Jennifer Lea Strange, died hours after drinking several 8-ounce bottles of water over a short period.

To avoid hyponatremia symptoms, limit your water intake to about 27 to 33 ounces of water per hour.

The bottom line on water consumption

If you're out in the sun working or playing sports all day, you should drink more water than someone sitting indoors.

"The vast majority of healthy people adequately meet their daily hydration needs by letting thirst be their guide," advises the National Academy of Sciences.

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Lola Kirke and John Cho bring the drama.

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Fame. Fortune. *And Murder.*

Lola Kirke and John Cho talk their new film, "Gemini," and the perils of social media.

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Lafayette Grand Cafe and Bakery is a bit labyrinthine, ominous in its sheer ostentation. And I mean that as a compliment. In fact, the ornate, Époque-style brasserie is the perfect place to find oneself sitting in between John Cho — looking very fashionable and very handsome indeed; and Lola Kirke — who looks, in the best way possible, like sentient, very glamorous cotton candy, decked out in pink gingham, a pink cardigan and delightfully witchy boots — on a chilly morning.

We're making polite conversation, as is a requisite for the beginning of these sorts of things, before we dive deep into "Gemini." The sexy neo-noir film stars Kirke as celebrity assistant Jill LeBeau, who is knee deep in the investigation of a heinous crime. And Cho shows up as Edward Ahn, the detective who is certain she did it.

In between bites of deliciously flaky croissant, being terrorized briefly by a very cute, very tiny dog, and random dudes banging on the windows behind us, Kirke and Cho chatted about fame, social media and the illusion of intimacy.

The first thing I thought of with this was the social media perspective — it kind of kick starts the entire film. As actors, how do you manage toeing the line between presenting your full self on social media platforms and keeping some parts to yourself?

Lola Kirke: I didn't have Instagram for the first two years of my acting career, until I started playing music and putting that into the world. And I made these boundaries with myself: I wouldn't have Instagram on my phone, it would only be on my iPad, which only works with WiFi, so I could not look at it. Because the guy that created likes? He doesn't have Instagram, or any social media because he knows that he has injected a poison into the human community. So I knew that I would be constantly looking for the affirmation that I was using it [constantly].

I think what Instagram creates is a second self and a lot of people confuse that second self as the self. And in the film, Heather (Jill's celebrity boss, played by Zoe Kravitz) starts with checking to see how she looks in a picture a fan takes of her — and it's an inconsequential fan photo that she's probably done a billion of in her entire life. I think everybody, famous or not, is affected by the boundlessness of social media. And it's interesting how it democratizes fame.

John Cho: You know what I was thinking about was, Gemini refers to the theme of the twin. and I happen to think that the online life is our twin. It sounds poetic, but it's kind of mechanically true: This other being is now us and it's in the cloud and it is immortal. And that being is superior because it outlives us, so naturally we consider that more important than what we're doing right here. And everyone has access to [that] now, so the lines between celebrity and not celebrity are blurred. I think famous people have to kind of up our exposure in a way that we didn't have to 50 years ago, that we have to keep opening and opening and opening.

Audiences expect a lot more off screen.

LK: Well now, to be an actor without social media is kind of elitist. The actors that I can think of that are super successful that don't have [social media] have Oscars. They don't need this unfiltered communication between themselves and their audience because the audience is going to pay attention to them anyway. I think that it can be really counterintuitive to being an actor. As an actor, I'm doing my best when I can disappear into a role and you don't know who I am. It can be really hard to know too much about a person and then see them in a movie. It's f—king weird that we have to do it.

There's an intimacy, but there's a balance between a false sense of intimacy and putting just enough of yourself out there so that it's still palatable.

JC: Another way to read it is that the game is intimacy, which is another theme of the movie. Illusory intimacy versus real intimacy. What it intimacy today?

LK: The reality of extreme fame is that your life actually becomes very, very small. We live in a culture that privileges fame so much so as to cannibalize it, almost. I'm so fascinated about the way that this movie opens the conversation of how fame functions in the 21st century. Through social media, fame has taken on an entirely new function, where it's available to anybody who wants it badly enough — but it's not available at all and not really fulfilling. And it's becoming a lot more meaningless.

"Gemini" is in theaters on April 6.

Review

"Gemini" is a neo-noir murder mystery that crafts a slick, stylish story from bits and baubles of almost every genre before it, while musing on fame and intimacy. The end brings a clever, unexpected twist — but does nearly nothing with it, the last few minutes of the film falling flat. But mostly, it's solid, chic and pleasantly enjoyable.

Zoë Kravitz as the starlet at the center of the drama.

'Ready Player One' is the ultimate blockbuster Easter Egg hunt

A virtual reality world in 2045 looks scarily like the here and now. Metro speaks with actor Simon Pegg.

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Despite the fact that "Ready Player One" is his third collaboration with Steven Spielberg, Simon Pegg is still astonished any time he's in the room with the legendary director.

And wouldn't you be, too?

I spoke to Pegg about Spielberg's latest blockbuster "Ready Player One," in which he plays the co-creator of the OASIS, a video game that the people of 2044 have become so obsessed with they spend every waking moment in it, during which time he insisted that we are basically living "in the dystopia of the film now."

Was it Spielberg or the book that first attracted you to "Ready Player One"?

It was Spielberg, really — I'm always excited to work with him. It's important to stay connected to those emotions; otherwise you just get jaded. I've known him for 10 years now, and still get excited when I see him, or he walks in the room. He's had such a lasting effect on my cultural tastes and he has shaped my love of movies, and that will always be the case.

Mark Rylance and Simon Pegg as the creators of the OASIS WARNER BROS

"Ready Player One" is very much about the human behind these creations, though.

That's what it's all about. Much has been made about the self-referential moments, like it's a game of postmodern bingo. But there's much more to it than that, in terms of what it's saying about personal interactions and our interac-

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tions with each other. It feels like we're in the dystopia of the film now, what with social media, and we're constantly projecting a constructed version of ourselves online — that's where we live and the truths we create online are not entirely honest. And I feel like the film is saying that's not such a good thing.

Is the point that there are no references past 2018 because pop culture has stagnated?

It's quite a smart design. The creator of the game is a clinical nostalgist. He can't leave his own past because that's where he's his most comfortable. The reason there isn't any pop culture references after that time is that Halliday wasn't interested in it. And I think that's kind of saying something about now. We're very inclined to look back. If you look at everything that occupies the mainstream of popular culture right now it is all reboots and remakes. We should be creating popular culture for the now. But we're not. We're just trying to re-create stuff we've already seen. The more we pander to that the more likely we are to stay in our comfort zone.

"Ready Player One" will be in theaters March 30.

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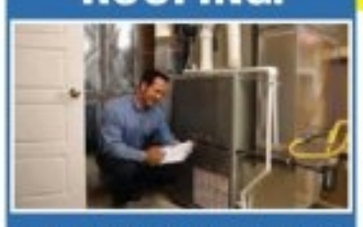

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Everything you need to watch in *April*

There are a whole bunch of shows coming to the small screen in April. A slew, if you will. But if you need help choosing what to watch, we've got you. Here are the five series you absolutely cannot miss — including a mandatory mega-live event this Sunday. No excuses! RACHAEL VAUGHAN CLEMMONS

"Jesus Christ Superstar Live in Concert"

TVs current obsession with live renderings of classic musicals has mostly been horrible. What makes "Jesus Christ Superstar" different? John Legend , who stars as the titular hunky Savior. A hunky, *black* Jesus. Sign us up, please and thank you and good night.

"Jesus Christ Superstar Live in Concert" premieres April 1 on NBC.

"Legion"

The first season of "Legion" gave us mouth-watering performances from the likes of Dan Stevens, and somehow managed to make the familiar Marvel landscape surprising. This season? Expect more of the same — but somehow, even trippier. Oh, and, thank goodness, with even more dancing.

The second season of "Legion" premieres April 3 on FX.

"New Girl"

"New Girl" was fun while it lasted — and it lasted for a whopping seven seasons. For its last hurrah, the Fox show will go out with a four-year time jump and an abbreviated eight-episode season. It's about time for these delightful hooligans to grow up, and we have to admit: They'll be missed.

The final season of "New Girl" premieres April 10 on Fox.

"Westworld"

What is there to say that hasn't been said about "Westworld"? The show premiered in 2016, bringing with it an epic, limitless world with plenty of mysteries to go around. And we're guessing the series' second season will be even more explosive — it's not quite enough to say Dolores Abernathy (Evan Rachel Wood) closed out the season with a bang, now is it?

The second season of Westworld premieres April 22 on HBO.

"The Handmaid's Tale"

The second season of "The Handmaid's Tale" promises to expand the world of Gilead, for better or for worse. Darker days are ahead for our favorite handmaids. Will they survive under the oppressive, all-too-real patriarchy of the near future? Not without a fight.

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5 things you can't miss at 2018 Easter Promenade

Be sure to grab your best bonnet to win bragging rights as "Best Dressed." BOTH IMAGES PROVIDED

It'll be a hoppin' good time.

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The 2018 Easter Promenade is back for its 87th year on Sunday, April 1. The largest and oldest Easter celebration in the city, the event features a parade, the Easter Bunny and his wife (Mr. and Mrs. Cottontail), live music, costume contests, celebrity appearances and more. Here are five things you can't miss at the 2018 Easter Promenade, including brunch spots right near the action.

1. The Parade
Master of ceremonies Henri David returns to lead a parade from the corner of Passyunk Avenue and South Street

Meet Mr. Bunny (and his bae!)

down to Headhouse Square (2nd Street) at 12:30 p.m. Be sure to dress in your Sunday best!

2. Famous faces
Local celebs will be in abundance at this year's Promenade, including, WDAS radio personality Patty Jackson, Fox 29's Alex Holley, Mayor Jim Kenney, State Rep. Brian Sims and Councilman Mark Squilla.

3. Costume contests
This year, there's a Best Dressed Baby category (under 2 years old) in addition to 12 other categories that include: Best Dressed Little Girl and Little Boy (2-5 years old), Best Dressed Young Girl and Young Boy (6-12 years old), Best Dressed Teen Girl and Teen Boy (13-19 years old), Best Dressed Woman and Man (20+ years old), Best Dressed Family, Best Dressed Pet, Best Easter Bonnet and Best South Street Razzle Dazzle.

4. Entertainment
Philadelphia's LGBT marching band, Philadelphia Freedom Band, will perform, and volunteers from the Attic Youth Center will do the bunny hop to the music. The world's tallest bunny rabbit will also be strolling along the Easter Promenade.

5. Brunch
All the "egg-citement" sure makes one hungry, and there are plenty of options for Easter brunch along the promenade route. The Twisted Tail (509 S. 2nd St.) will have a Grand Easter Brunch Buffet, which is all you can eat, and costs $48 for adults and $25 for kids (ages three to 10). In the mood for pizza? Right across the street, Pizzeria Stella (420 S. 2nd St.) offers wood-fired pizzas, pastas, salads and more.
For more information, visit: south-street.com.

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Everything you need to know about Peeps

Their weekend to shine's almost here. PROVIDED

Something to chew on this Easter weekend.

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It just wouldn't be Easter without Peeps — those adorable, (usually) chick-shaped marshmallow treats. They make those flammable plastic grass-filled baskets extra colorful, with pops of pink, lavender, the original yellow and more. But did you know that Peeps, which are beloved all over the country, are actually hatched in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania? What's more, this iconic candy celebrates its 65th anniversary this year.

With a few days to spare before Easter, here are 11 things to know before you get chicky with one this weekend.

1 Peeps have been the #1 non-chocolate candy sold at Easter for the past 20 years.

2 Watching your calorie count? Can't have gluten? Each Peeps chick and bunny has just 28 calories, 0 grams of fat and is gluten free. Hurray!

3 Just Born (the company that produces Peeps) was founded by Sam Born in 1923 in New York, but the company moved to Bethlehem in 1932.

4 In 1953, it took 27 hours to create one Peeps chick, because it was done by hand with a pastry tube. Today, thanks to the founder's son, Bob Born, and technological advances, it takes only six minutes.

5 Roughly 5.5 million Peeps are produced daily, amounting to a total of 2 billion Peeps produced per year.

Your sweet treats date back to Betty's beginning. GETTY IMAGES

6 Just Born produces enough Peeps in one year to circle the earth two and a half times.

7 Peeps have a lot of celebrity fans, including Reese Witherspoon, Cher, Katie Lee, Bethenny Frankel, Justin Bieber, Miranda Cosgrove, Joe Jonas and Dove Cameron.

8 Peeps come in different shapes (like bunnies, for example), but four out of every five Peeps purchased are chicks.

9 Betty White was just a year old when Peeps opened its doors in 1923.

10 It would take 98,000 Peeps to equal the weight of the Liberty Bell, which weighs 2,080 lbs.

11 It would take more than 775,000 Peeps to line the route that Rocky Balboa ran in the 1976 film, "Rocky."

For more information on Peeps, visit: marshmallowpeeps.com But we know you'll just be looking to bite off a sugar-topped marshmallow head or two on Sunday instead.

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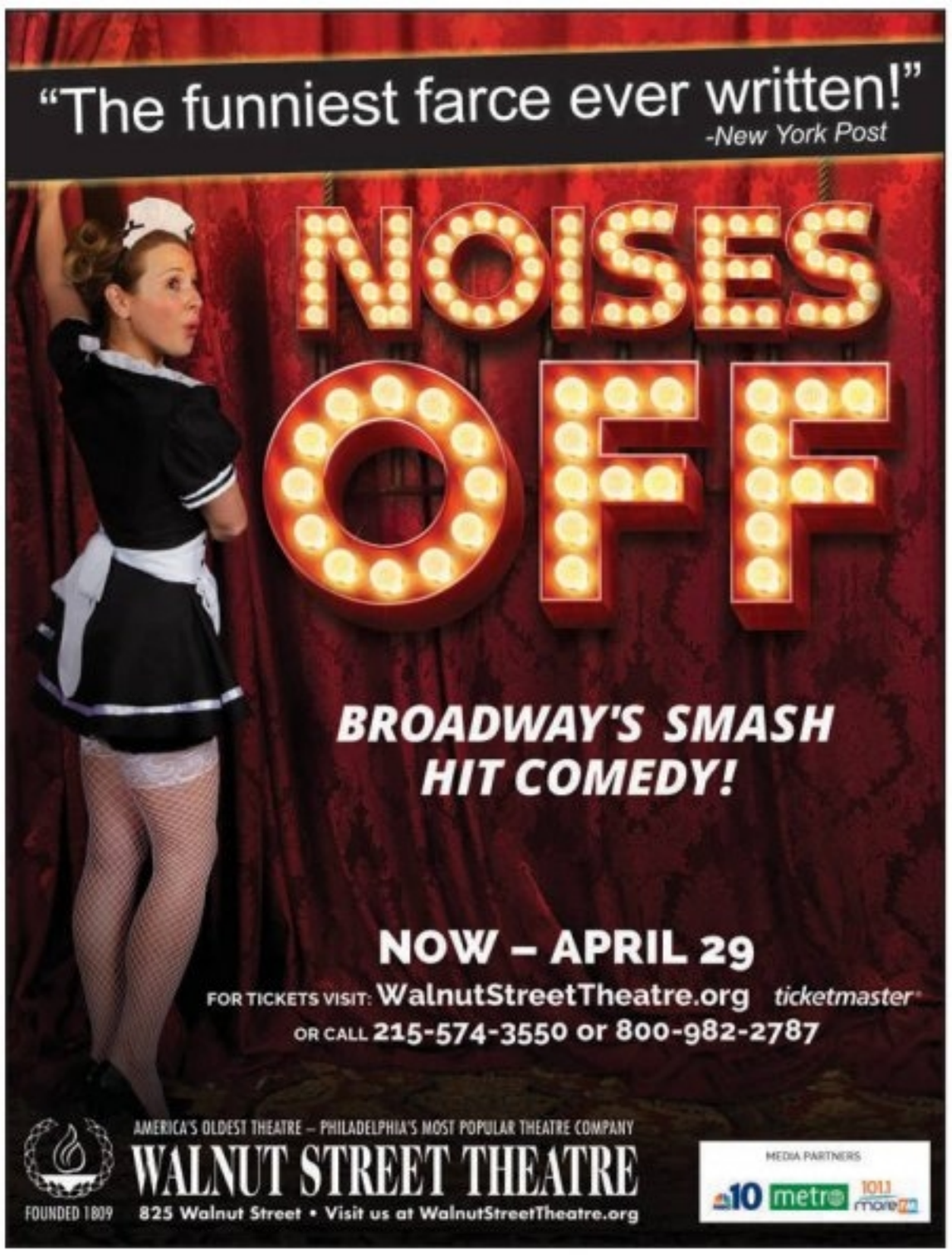
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FESTIVALS

Ardmore Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Ardmore Business Association hosts this meet-and-greet event with the Easter Bunny at the plaza, followed by an Easter-egg hunt for the kids. A special reception is held after at Jack McShea's Pub.
March 31, 10 a.m.
Shauffele Plaza
10 E. Lancaster Ave., Ardmore
ardmoreshops.com Free

FOOD & DRINK

Fairmount Bunny Hop

A tradition now in its 20th year, the Fairmount community clusters together for a bunny bar hop—to Belgian Café, Bishops Collar, Jack's Firehouse and beyond. Stop at any of the locations to purchase a $10 set of bunny ears; part of proceeds are donated to various charities.
March 29, 6 p.m.
Various locations $10

Hungry Pigeon Passover

Those craving a no-muss, no-fuss evening out of the kitchen can head to Hungry Pigeon on the first night of Passover. The meal includes smoked salmon, latkes, pickled egg salad, matzo ball soup, beef brisket, potato kugel and salad—with a flourless chocolate cake for after. Basically, all the essentials.
March 30
743 S. Fourth St.
hungrypigeon.com $45

The Brewer's Plate

The 14th annual Brewer's Plate festival, a beer-and-food pairing event for "locavores," showcases beers from breweries like Victory and foods from Bru, Southgate and more. Held inside spacious Commonwealth Plaza.
March 30, 7:30 p.m.
The Kimmel Center
300 S. Broad St.
brewersplate.com $77

FESTIVALS

Easter Promenade

The 87th annual Easter Promenade parades down South Street as thousands gather for live music from the Philadelphia Freedom Band, appearances from Easter bunnies and a costume contest for all ages—and even pets. Dozens of South Street eateries will be open for brunch before and after. **April 1, 12:30 p.m.**
South Street Headhouse District, southstreet.com, pay as you go

Russet Easter Brunch

Hot cross buns are a starter for this indulgent and thoughtful two-course Easter brunch, consisting of first-course options like carrot sformato with double-smoked bacon, pea tendril pesto and pickled shallots and, as one option for the second course, ham with red-eye gravy, heirloom bean ragout, rainbow chard and loc tran egg. First-course prices start at $10; second-course prices at $15. Alcohol is BYO.
April 1, 11 a.m.
Russet 1521 Spruce St.
russetphilly.com
Various prices

MUSEUMS

Game Masters: The Exhibition

This spring/summer exhibition, up through Sept. 3, features a chronological history of video games' evolution as a media art—everything from Pac-Man to Donkey Kong, Sonic the Hedgehog to Mario, detailed through concept art and exclusive interviews. More than 100 video games will be playable, with indies—including Philly staples like Cipher Prime—getting lots of love as the exhibition goes on. **March 31, The Franklin Institute**
222 N. 20th St. fi.edu $23

THEATER

"School of Rock" Masterclass

Broadway "School of Rock" dance captain Kara Haller leads a one-time master class, offering the chance to learn the dance moves from a member of the national tour. Attendees will also be able to ask questions during a Q&A session after.
March 30, 4:30 p.m.
Music Theatre Philly
1201 Spruce St.
musictheatrephilly.com $30

ART

Moore College of Art & Design Student Show

Moore College of Art & Design students show their best works in the galleries—a spring exhibition featuring first-years through third-years, animation works and fashion pieces. The exhibit, opening on Saturday, is open to the public.
Through April 14, 11 a.m.
20th Street and the Parkway
thegalleriesatmoore.org Free

LGBT

Queer Performances of Color

An inclusive showcase of talent, focusing on queer persons of color, this collection of performance artists includes Dante Alexander, Jaeda and Selene Rose is hosted by Mae Rose and features a guest speech from Jezabelle von Jane. Show up anticipating lots of burlesque spectacle and dance magic.
March 31, 8 p.m.
William Way Community Center
1315 Spruce St.
waygay.org $10

COMEDY

Ali Siddiq

Texas-native Ali Siddiq is the winner of Comedy Central's "Up Next" competition and a world-traveling standup act. He's since appeared on HBO's "Def Comedy Jam" and recently debuted the Comedy Central special "It's Bigger Than These Bars," in which Siddiq visits Texas' Bell County Jail for a standup performance.
March 29, 8 p.m.
Punch Line Philly
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alisiddiq.com $18.50

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Celebrity obsessed? These museums are just for you

Check out these weird and wonderful celebrity museums, from Britney Spears' childhood bedroom to Ernest Hemingway's bungalow — where his cats are the stars.

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Long live the King! IMAGES PROVIDED

The Kentwood Museum
Diehard Britney Spears superfans flock to this small, small-town museum that features Britney's childhood bedroom re-created with furniture, gym clothes, pom-poms and old photos as well as a replica of the stage on which she performed her 2001 HBO concert special. And it's all lovingly collected with the kind of Leave-Britney-Alone dedication that makes this unofficial museum the kind of shrine that her best fans shouldn't miss.

The International Friendship Exhibition Hall
What do you get the North Korean dictator who has everything? The International Friendship Exhibition Hall has over 100,000 bizarre answers to this question. You'll find nearly every gift given to North Korean dictators Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il during the 70 years they were in power. Notable gifts including a taxidermy alligator holding a tray of cocktails from the Sandinistas of Nicaragua, a bear head mounted on a red satin pillow from Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu and a basketball signed by Michael Jordan given by former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. Prepare to be both fascinated and confused.

Graceland
Elvis was not only "The King of Rock 'n' Roll" but also the king of over-the-top celebrity behavior. And his Memphis home Graceland is equal parts museum and acid trip back to the time when Elvis partied so hard that even his pet monkey had a minor drinking problem. The sprawling 40-acre museum-cum-theme park has over 15 attractions and exhibits that include two restaurants, a classic car museum, a private plane collection, and the pièce de résistance: Elvis' impressively '70s mansion with leopard furniture, shag carpeting, an indoor waterfall and a shrine to his favorite sequin jumpsuits.

Museu CR7
Visit Funchal, Portugal, and you can fly into the Cristiano Ronaldo International Airport, check in to the Cristiano Ronaldo's CR7 Brand hotel, and take a photo with the Cristiano Ronaldo statue in the town square all before arriving at Cristiano Ronaldo's Museu CR7. Designed like a car showroom, Museu CR7 features a wax statue of Ronaldo at its center, several murals depicting his life story, soccer balls from his games, fan mail in his honor and a gift shop where you can buy his brand of clothing.

The Ernest Hemingway Home and Museum
Find your way to Key West to discover the desk where the great wrote parts of "A Farewell to Arms" and "For Whom the Bell Tolls," as well as the saloon urinal he drunkenly dragged home. The descendants of his beloved cats are still around, and their origin story isn't even one of the weirder anecdotes you'll hear about Hemingway's writing and drinking adventures when you tour his former home.

For soup-er fans of Warhol

Casa de Shenandoah
This celebrity museum is the only one where its subject might just show up and give you a tour. Wayne Newton no longer lives at his 14,000-square-foot former mansion in Las Vegas, but he's been known to show up and change around the remarkable collection of antiques, musical instruments, velvet furniture, wax statues of his wife and himself, and classic cars that he's put on display. And visit his many exotic pets which include wallabies, penguins, sea otters, and a capuchin monkey named Boo.

Andy Warhol Museum
Dedicating a museum to an artist isn't unusual, unless it manages to fill seven floors and 17 galleries and be the world's largest dedicated to a single marvel. Here you'll find some very deep cuts that include not just Warhol's more famous works but also his much-lesser-known doodles, paintings, movie reels, and even the art he made out of his own bodily fluids.

The Museum of the Democratic and Cultural Revolution
Inside this Bolivian museum you'll find a life-size statue of Evo Morales, Evo Morales' childhood toys, Evo Morales' favorite soccer jerseys, and Evo Morales' honorary doctorates given to him despite the fact that he never finished high school. The "Ego" museum, as it's locally known, was constructed by the Bolivian president using $7 million of government money, making it one of the most expensive personal museums in the world.

The L. Ron Hubbard Life Exhibition
Dedicated to the exploits, military achievements, degrees and maritime exploration of L. Ron Hubbard, the creator of Scientology — despite the fact that many of these achievements have been proved to be untrue — is Hollywood church. The factual exhibits are just as bizarre: Test an e-meter and walk through life-size dioramas of old-timey newsstands and alien landscapes all while being closely followed by a friendly museum attendant who won't want you to take any pictures.

The Al Saleh Museum
If you've ever wondered what it would be like to visit the secret lair of a '70s movie villain, the Al Saleh Museum in Sana'a, Yemen might be your best bet this side of the silver screen. Without getting into the politics of the deposed Yemeni president, we'll say that his museum of personal gifts includes the taxidermy pelt of the world's most endangered cat, rocks from the Hiroshima bombing, and shrapnel from a bomb that nearly assassinated him. But dark and questionable gifts aren't the only reason to visit. The museum is just one section of a beautiful $60 million mosque that is one of the architectural wonders of the region.

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10 Storylines that could define Phillies new season in 2018

A deep dive into some burning questions ahead of the Phillies first pitch Thursday.

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With the Phillies embarking on their 2018 campaign on Thursday against the Braves, here are 10 storylines to watch for the upcoming season.

The Phillies will pair young talent (J.P. Crawford and Rhys Hoskins) with young veterams (Maikel Franco an Cesar Hernandez) in the infield. GETTY IMAGES

1 What will Phillies get from Jake Arrieta?

Arrieta has cooled off slightly from his 2015 Cy Young campaign, but there's still plenty to love about the right-hander from the Cubs. Over the past four seasons, Arrieta has averaged 189 strikeouts per season. Over that span he also held a record of 64-29 (69 percent) and an ERA of 2.73. In every sense of the word, he's an ace and he knows how to win. He'll be the only player on the Phillies roster with a World Series ring and he will lead by example for the Phillies' young pitching staff.

2 Who is Scott Kingery?

Kingery has been described in many ways — a more talented version of Dustin Pedroia, the second coming of Chase Utley, a Ben Zobrist-like utility man — any way you slice it, Kingery has a lot of hype surrounding him.

The Phillies signed Kingery to a six-year extension with a guaranteed $24 million on Sunday. The team picked Kingery 48th overall in the second round of the 2015 MLB draft. He batted .392 for the Phillies in spring training, including four HR and seven RBI.

He can literally play any position in the infield, which begs the question of where the Phillies will play him. Last year, he played 113 games at second base, four games at third base and two at shortstop during his time in the minors. Those spots are currently being manned by Cesar Hernandez (2B), Maikel Franco (3B) and J.P. Crawford (SS). We'll see how manager Gabe Kapler intends to use him, but he will certainly be a super sub out of the dugout to start the season.

3 Will J.P. Crawford finally take a step forward?

The long wait for Crawford to get called up came last season for the Phillies. In a mostly inconsistent rookie year for the shortstop, fans are eager for Crawford to take a step forward in 2018 and prove that he was worth the wait.

Crawford, drafted 16th overall in 2013 for the Phillies, was picked for the sole purpose of replacing an aging Jimmy Rollins in the Phillies' lineup. Those are massive shoes to fill, considering Rollins is the Phillies' all-time hits leader, a former MVP, a three-time all-star and a four-time Gold Glove Award winner.

Crawford batted just .214 last season in 23 games with the Phillies. They're hoping that he can produce like he did in the minors back in 2014, when he hit for .285 with 11 home runs, 48 RBI and had 24 stolen bases. He'll certainly be under a microscope when the season begins.

4 Who will be in Phils' rotation?

The first two starters on the Phillies pitching staff are no-brainers. Aaron Nola and Jake Arrieta will man the top of the starting rotation. It gets a little murky beyond them.

Jerad Eickhoff will start the season on the DL with a strained lat muscle that is expected to keep him out at least five more weeks. Probable starters on Phillies.com right now are right-handers Nick Pivetta and Vince Velasquez. Every pitching staff has at least one more starter and sometimes two, which means a few other names will be thrown into the hat at the end of the rotation.

Zach Eflin, Mark Leiter, Jr., Ben Lively and Tom Eshelman will all get their shot to break into the rotation and prove themselves while Eickhoff is on the shelf.

5 Are playoffs a realistic goal?

According to sites like Fangraphs.com (75 wins), baseballprospectus.com (81 wins) and Herosports.com (84 wins), the Phillies will be in the mix for a playoff spot in 2018.

The Rockies took the last N.L. Wild Card spot with an 87-75 record. If the Phillies can get to 80 wins, it would be a drastic improvement from their 66-97 record in 2017. A few extra wins than what's expected and they could be seeing their first playoff season since 2011.

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6 How will Gabe Kapler manage?

Kapler is as forward-thinking of a manager as the Phillies have ever had. He's in the Sam Hinkie realm of analytical thinking and he's stated several times that he loves players that can play multiple positions. Sure, the "Money Ball" way of thinking won't always translate into wins, but it's about time that the Phillies had someone at the helm who could play the numbers to increase success on the field. His eccentric lifestyle and colorful quotes which he peppers to the media makes him that much more intriguing.

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More Phillies storylines to watch for when 2018 starts

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The Phillies have been a trendy NL wild card pick amongst experts. GETTY IMAGES

7 Another new coach to know

Arrieta was not the only asset brought in from the Chicago Cubs in the offseason. Hitting coach John Mallee can hopefully establish discipline at the plate to the Phillies' young hitters to take strides forward in 2018. Mallee comes to the Phillies fresh off four seasons of coaching one of the best offenses in baseball with the Chicago Cubs. The Cubs averaged 815 runs scored over the past two seasons, while the Phillies in comparison averaged 650.

8 What to make of Maikel Franco

Maikel Franco is not Ryan Howard — he's 6-foot-1, he plays third base, he bats right, he has a decent glove and he's just 25 years old.

It's time to stop dreaming of Franco as being a yearly 40-plus home run hitter like Howard once was. But, with just a slight uptick in consistency at the plate, fans may be singing a different tune when it comes to Franco in 2018.

Over the past two seasons, Franco led the team in home runs with 49. Franco was seen in Clearwater working with newly acquired slugger Carlos Santana on a daily basis to improve his approach at the plate as he batted just .230 last season.

Even just a slight increase in consistency could make Franco a serious threat at the bottom of the lineup. Suddenly, the Phillies have three power hitters in Rhys Hoskins, Carlos Santana and Maikel Franco. When the Phillies won the World Series in 2008, Pat Burrell in a similar role swung for 33 HR. This slight uptick in production would make fans very happy and would definitely add some wins to the Phillies' win total.

9 Can Rhys Hoskins win major awards?

Going by projections, there's an outside chance that Rhys Hoskins can bring home the NL MVP award this season. In just 50 games last season, Hoskins hit for 18 home runs. If you project that out to 162 games, you're looking at close to 60 home runs for a season.

If he gets anywhere close to that projection and if the Phillies clinch a playoff spot, he has to be in the MVP conversation. Giancarlo Stanton won the N.L. MVP award for the Miami Marlins, notching a league-leading 59 home runs and 132 RBI. The Marlins didn't even reach the playoffs, and he won the award. If he can channel the success of last season, expect Hoskins to be in the MVP conversation by seasons end.

10 Will Hector Neris stay Phillies' closer?

Hector Neris notched 26 saves in 2017. For a team that only won 66 games on the season, this is of note. Although he only ranked 15th in the league in saves by seasons end, he ranked third on teams with 75 wins or less behind Cincinnati's Raisel Iglesias (28) and the New York Mets' A.J. Ramos (27).

With more expected opportunities in 2018, we'll see if Neris can rise to the occasion. Otherwise, arms like Luis Garcia and possibly even experiments like trying Vince Velasquez or Nick Pivetta in a closing role, may be decisions that Gabe Kapler will have to make.

Rhys Hoskins is very likely to lead the Phillies in home runs this season. GETTY IMAGES

Most important games to watch for

When is Phillies Wall of Fame night? When are the Phillies playing in Williamsport?

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The 2018 Phillies will kick off their regular season schedule Thursday in Atlanta, a 4:10 start that will pit Aaron Nola against Julio Teheran. The game will be the first of a 162-game marathon that many believe may find the Phillies above the .500 mark for the first time since the Chase Utley-Jimmy Rollins-Ryan Howard days of nearly a decade ago.

Here are the games we think are the most important — based both on the schedule, the time of year and the promotions/ceremonies to be conducted by the Phillies:

Thursday, April 5 vs. Marlins (3:05 p.m.): The home opener will give Philly the first look at it's up and coming squad — led by rookie manager Gabe Kapler. Every game against the lowly Marlins is a must-win for the Phillies as they chase a surprise Wild Card berth.

Sunday, April 8 vs. Marlins (1:35 p.m.): Newly acquired ace Jake Arrieta is expected to make his Phillies debut in the Sunday matinee to wrap up their first home series.

Wednesday, April 25 vs. Diamondbacks (7:05 p.m.): The first Hatfield Dollar Dog day will reward hungry ballparkgoers against Arizona.

Thursday, June 14 vs. Rockies (1:05 p.m.): The Phillies will honor 2018 National Baseball Hall of Fame inductee Jim Thome in a pre-game ceremony, which takes place on the 14th anniversary of Thome's milestone 400th career home run.

June 25-to-June 27 vs. Yankees (7:05 p.m.): The Phillies host the Bronx Bombers for a three-game set. Though potentially gruesome to watch, New York's bashing duo of Giancarlo Stanton and Aaron Judge could put on a show in hitter-friendly Citizen's Bank Park. Come early for batting practice.

June 28-to-July 1 vs. Nationals: It only takes three months for the NL East favorite Nationals to visit Philly. It will be a true test of the Phillies maturity and competitiveness in this mid-season four-game series. There will also be postgame fireworks on Friday and Saturday nights.

Saturday, Aug. 4 vs. Marlins (7:05 p.m.): In what will surely be the most emotional and moving game of the year, the Phillies will add the late, great Roy Halladay and Charlie Manual to the Wall of Fame in a pregame ceremony.

Sunday, Aug. 19 vs. Mets (7:10 p.m.): For the second straight year, MLB will show its support for Little League baseball as it holds a pro game in Williamsport. The Phillies and Mets will wrap up a four-game set in front of some of the best young talent in the sport.

Sept. 28-to-Sept. 30 vs. Braves: Atlanta will return the favor as the Phillies and Braves wrap up the 2018 regular season in Philadelphia. Phillies fans can only hope this game has meaning in the standings.

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Final Four preview: Villanova has many ways to beat Kansas

Villanova is favored to win its Final Four match up against powerhouse Kansas in San Antonio Saturday. **JON MARKS**

The Wildcats are just two wins away from hoisting their second National Championship trophy in three seasons. **GETTY IMAGES**

Moments after punching their ticket to the Final Four despite having the kind of bad shooting day that would've wrecked most teams, a Villanova player spoke about the reason the Wildcats were able to overcome that and still survive.

"We knew we weren't shooting the ball well," he said. "But the backbone of our program is just defend, rebound and play hard and together. I think we did that."

Yes, that certainly explains the Wildcats' much-harder-than-it-sounds 71-59 win over Texas Tech Sunday in the East Region Finals, where Jay Wright's team shot a sorry 4-for-24 from three-point range and just 19-for-57, 33.3 percent overall. Their stifling defense, which held the Red Raiders to the same 20-for-60, 33.3 percent, coupled with owning the boards, 51-33, including 20 offensive rebounds, proved the difference. Only this quote doesn't come from a player in that game. It's from Ryan Arcidiacono, following the Cats' 64-59 win over Kansas in the 2016 South Region title game. That set the stage for Nova winning it all a week later in Houston with Arcidiacono dishing to Kris Jenkins for the national championship winning shot.

That's the same Kansas they'll square off against Saturday night in San Antonio, following the battle between Sister Jean and the Wolverines when media darling Loyola of Chicago takes on Michigan.

But just as they did against the Red Raiders, Villanova shot just 4-for-18 from beyond the arc that day in Louisville and only 21-for-52, 40.4 percent overall. Yet they still managed to knock off the Jayhawks thanks to stingy defense and near-perfect 18-for-19 foul shooting.

What it proves is now, as then, Villanova can beat you any number of ways. For the early stages of the 2018 tournament against Radford and Alabama it was with their torrid three-point shooting. In last Friday's 90-78 Sweet Sixteen grinder past West Virginia and their stifling full-court press, it was their persistence to detail and enough timely offense to wear down the Mountaineers. Then Sunday they showed they can win even when the shots don't fall.

None of this can be comforting to a Kansas team that actually was down 10 points to No. 16 seed Penn in the first round before pulling it together. The fact Bill Self's Jayhawks have recovered from that rocky start to capture the Midwest, edging vaunted Duke in overtime in the title game, would seem to legitimize their No. 1 seed. But this hasn't been your typical Kansas team, losing three home games this season, the most since 1999.

Guards Devonte Graham and Malik Newman provide the bulk of their offense, flanked by Lagerald Vick and Ukrainian Sviatoslav Mykhailiuk. Ukoda Azubuike, the 7-footer from Nigeria, is a load in the paint and off the glass, but foul prone which the Wildcats will try to exploit. As skilled as Kansas is, though, they have flaws, probably more than a Duke team which might boast five NBA first round draft choices.

Of course, if you know anything about Villanova you know they're taking nothing for granted, including the assumption the winner of this game will cruise to the title against the Loyola-Michigan winner. But since they always preach focusing on the "next game" regardless of the opposition, they won't deal with that until the buzzer goes off Saturday.

Considering this will be Nova's third straight Big 12 opponent, following a season of Big East wars, they're ready for anything.

"If you're going to advance in this tournament you can't be one dimensional," explained Wright, anticipating a Final Four where each team already has an NCAA title in their trophy case. "You have to be able to adjust and the fact that we have had experience doing that is important. We've played some of the best teams in the Big 12 and now we're getting the best team in the Big 12 so you know it's going to be tougher."

Then again, chances are the same goes for the Wildcats. Those treys that clanged off the rim in Boston will nestle through the hoop. The defense, which shut down first West Virginia, then Texas Tech in critical stretches will do the same against Kansas, followed by either Loyola or Michigan.

And just as Arcidiacono, Jenkins and then freshman Jalen Brunson and Mikal Bridges cut down the nets in Houston, look for these 2018 Cats to do it again late Monday night in another Texas town.

After all, for Villanova winning a National Championship has suddenly become simply business as usual.

Reasons why the Flyers will, won't make the playoffs

How will the Flyers' weak strength of schedule — and weak goaltending — affect their playoff chances?

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Despite a five-game losing streak and dropping seven of eight earlier this month, the Flyers were still never in any serious danger of falling out of a playoff spot. Thanks to a successful stretch in January and February, they had built a nice cushion in the standings and were able to withstand the rough patch. Following Tuesday's 3-2 overtime loss in Dallas, though, their buffer has vanished. The Flyers no longer control their own destiny.

They had 90 points and sat in the first wild card position heading into Wednesday's game against the Avalanche. While they are up two points on the Devils, who have played one less game, the real concern for the Flyers is the Panthers. The red-hot Panthers have 85 points but have played three less games – which means the long-term math no longer favors the Flyers.

So, it's officially time to focus on just making the playoffs instead of whether the Flyers will finish in one of the top three spots in the Metro. We have highlighted three reasons the Flyers will, and will not, make the playoffs.

They will because ...

Strength of Schedule
Of the final five games remaining for the Flyers, only one (Sunday at home against Boston) is against a team currently in a playoff position. Meanwhile, the Devils have three of their six remaining games, and the Panthers play five of their last eight games, against teams ready to print playoff tickets.

Resolve
The Flyers withstood a 10-game losing streak and 0-6-2 skid this season. They have not panicked and shown a determination when their backs have been against the wall — and will again over the next 11 days.

Philadelphia will play three of its final four games at home leading up to the playoffs. GETTY IMAGES

Claude Giroux
The captain has shown exceptional leadership on and off the ice since training camp. Expect him, if needed, to carry this team beyond the first week of April.

They will not because ...

Strength of Schedule
Although they face mostly teams just playing out the reminder of the season, the Flyers have played down to their competition in overtime losses against Detroit and Dallas and barely escaped with wins over Carolina and the New York Rangers.

Momentum
The Devils and Panthers have it. The Flyers don't. New Jersey is on a three-game winning streak and has won six of its last eight games. Florida is 10-4 this month and has won four of its last five games. The Flyers, on the other hand, have picked up points six straight games but have lost three of their last four in overtime.

Goaltending
Since Brian Elliott and Michael Neuvirth landed on injured reserve, the Flyers have received mediocre and inconsistent performances between the pipes from Petr Mrazek, acquired in a trade with Detroit, and rookie Alex Lyon.

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Across

1 Ka-pow!
4 Majority
8 Wire nail
12 Golfer – Alcott
13 Touche provoker
14 Say with gestures
15 More remote
17 Squashed circle
18 Fiery monster
19 Expert
21 Lyric poems
23 Gyro bread
24 RC rival
27 Seeger or Sampras
29 As well
30 "Moonstruck" star
32 The -- the limit!
36 Yeah, right! (2 wds.)
38 Twisted
40 Dinny's rider
41 Linchpin site
43 Soul
45 Iceboat necessity
47 Sand hill
49 In sorrier shape
51 Downhill racers
55 Trevi Fountain coins
56 Kind of rug
58 Liberal --
59 Muse count
60 Onassis nickname
61 Thin board
62 Bends in the middle
63 Hardened

DOWN

1 Smooth-pated
2 Romance, to Pedro
3 Sociable starling
4 Tuneful
5 Conjecture
6 Meet, in poker
7 Technical word
8 Cheap flicks (hyph.)
9 Fastener for an I-beam
10 Fridge maker
11 Penn. neighbor
16 Self-images
20 Quick to learn
22 Threw lava
24 "Harper Valley --"
25 Aurora, to Socrates
26 Taro-root paste
28 Slip up
31 Kubrick's computer
33 Carp
34 -- Kippur
35 Whirlpool locale
37 Like Snow White
39 Union members?
42 Really big tees
44 Dresden denial
45 Eddy
46 Ventricle neighbor
48 Depleting
50 Untold centuries
52 Depot info
53 Red inside
54 Gill opening
55 -- Vegas
57 Small inlet

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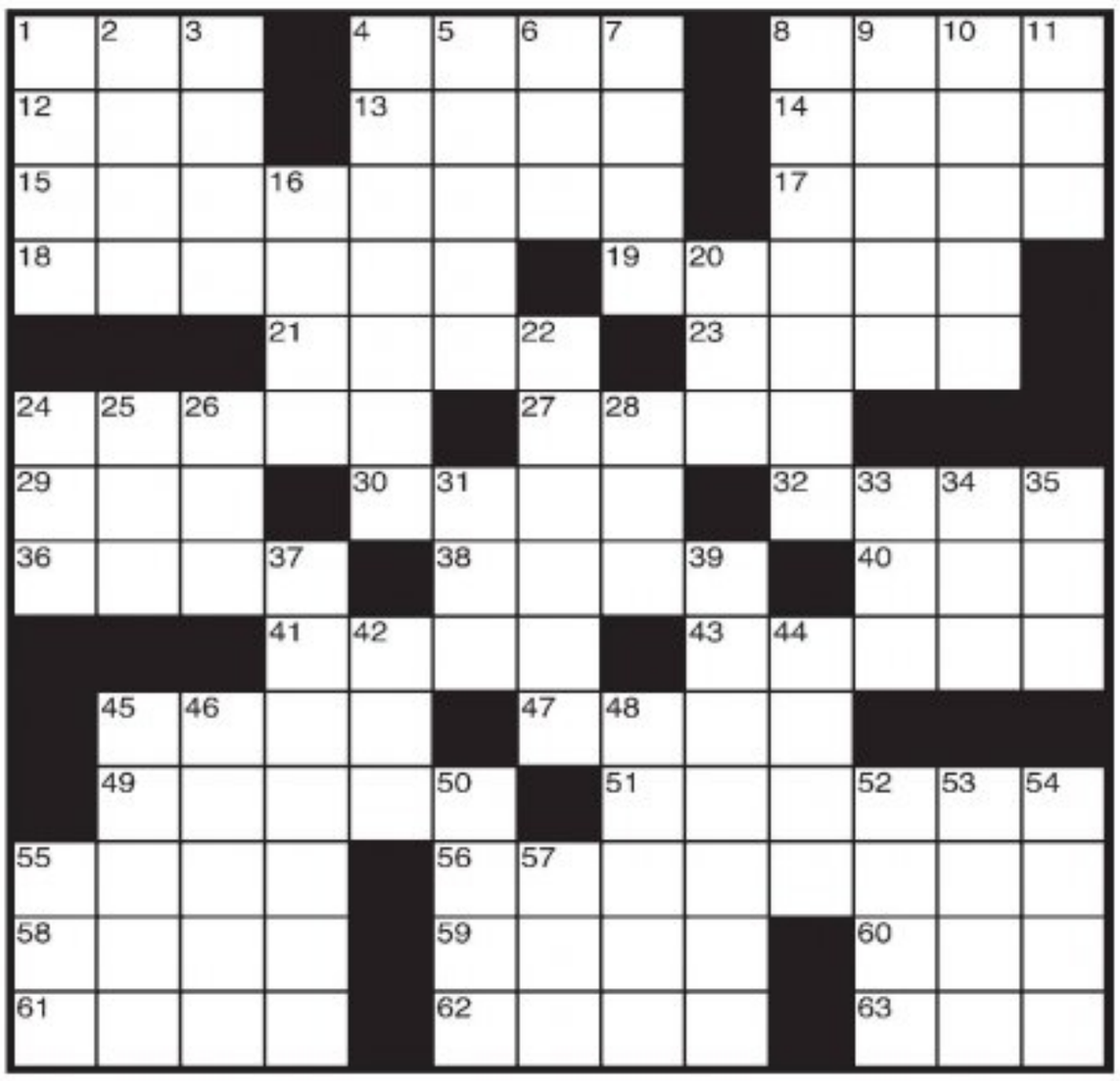

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metro.us/horoscopes

Aries Don't pick a fight or let anyone goad you into a debate. Keeping a steady pace is your best option when dealing with controversy. Say little and do what's expected of you.

Taurus You'll have the upper hand, as long as you speak up and take care of your affairs personally. Energy will be running high, allowing you to take care of unfinished business.

Gemini Go over your bills and financial statements before you donate money to a cause. Temptation will be intense when it comes to personal items that you can live without.

Cancer Do your best to stabilize your position. Whether you are dealing with a colleague or someone you live with, aim to keep the peace.

Leo Know what something costs before agreeing to move forward. Overspending on items for your home will leave you in a quandary. Put a cap on your spending.

Virgo Get pumped up and participate. Engaging in something that challenges you physically will lead to a wakeup call regarding your health.

Libra Problems at home will affect your productivity at work and domestic relationships. Listen carefully, but don't let anyone control or manipulate you.

Scorpio An investment you've been hanging on to will give you a financial boost. Take advantage of a good deal and make a move that will improve your life.

Sagittarius Put more effort into improving your love life or building a strong family unit to improve your long-term personal prospects.

Capricorn Tie up loose ends before moving on to downtime. If you leave something undone, someone will bring it to your attention and it will turn into a big deal.

Aquarius Emotional matters can escalate fast when someone you love is involved. Looking out for someone will be appreciated, but don't take charge.

Pisces Explore new possibilities, but don't jump in without testing what's being offered. Altering your lifestyle will have setbacks if you aren't fully prepared to change. EUGENIA LAST

Yesterday's answers

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